



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Law Enforcement Technical Committee (LETC), in conjunction with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Law Enforcement Committee (LEC).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on Wednesday, March 15, 2023; beginning at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., EDT. The Committees will be in a closed session from 9 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually. Please visit the Gulf Council website ([www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org)) for registration, agenda and meeting materials information.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items of discussion are on the agenda, though agenda items may be addressed out of order and any changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible.

**Joint Gulf Council's Law Enforcement Technical Committee (LETC) and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's (GSMFC) Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) Meeting Agenda, Wednesday, March 15, 2023; 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., EDT.**

The joint meeting will begin in a **CLOSED SESSION** from 9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. with introductions, approval of minutes (October 2022 – closed session) and Rank Nominations for the 2022 Law Enforcement Officer/Team of the Year Award.

General session will begin at approximately 10 a.m. with introductions and adoption of agenda, and approval of minutes from the Joint LEC/LETC October 2022 meeting.

The Gulf Council LETC will receive an update on the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program, and Modification of For-Hire Vessel Trip Declaration Requirements. They will review and discuss potential changes to *Reef Fish* harvest restrictions: *Gray Triggerfish* Commercial Trip Limit, *Greater Amberjack* Management Measures, and *Gag Grouper* Recreational Fishing Season; and, receive an update on the Council's Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures (SOPPs) regarding fishing violations.

The GSMFC LEC will review the IJF Program Activity for the Mangrove Snapper Profile Preparations and Commission Pubs.

The Committee will present the State Report Highlights from Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); and will discuss any Other Business items.

Written state reports are requested in advance and only highlights will be presented for time purposes during state reporting item.

– Meeting Adjourns

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org).

The Law Enforcement Technical Committee consists of principal law enforcement officers in each of the Gulf States, as well as the NOAA OLE, USFWS, the USCG, and the NOAA Office of General Counsel for Law Enforcement.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

**Dated:** February 17, 2023.

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